



2025 YDLI Distinguished Alumni Leader Nomination Form

Each year, the Holstein Foundation recognizes a YDLI graduate who has shown exceptional leadership and advocacy for the betterment of the dairy industry. Nominations may be submitted by YDLI Alumni, YDLI current class members, and YDLI Advisory Committee (past and current members). Nominations will remain on file for three years total and it will be the nominator's responsibility to send updates by the deadline. If not selected for the award after three years, the nomination will need to be resubmitted for consideration. *Nominations will not be accepted from current Holstein Foundation Trustees or Holstein Association USA Board members.*

Nominator's Name: _____ Date: _____

Nominator's Email: _____

Name (first and last) of YDLI alum you are nominating: _____

Nominee's Email: _____

Nominee's YDLI Class: _____ Dairy Producer ___ Allied Industry ___ Both

Describe the personal and professional development the nominee gained from their YDLI experience. 10% Maximum 400 characters (about 75 words)

Describe the nominee's involvement in and contributions to the YDLI program as an alum (e.g., engagement with YDLI network, recruitment, mentor, presenter, financial, etc.,) 20% Maximum 600 characters (about 100 words)

List community involvement roles, accomplishments, or honor (e.g., church, community elected positions, Rotary Person of the Year, etc.) 10%

| Community role / title | Description / Outcome / Accomplishment / Honor |
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Tell why your nominee should be selected to receive the YDLI Distinguished Alumni Leader award. 20% Maximum 1500 characters (about 250 words)

DEADLINE: October 25, 2024

EMAIL APPLICATION TO: Diedra Harkenrider, dharkenrider@holstein.com

QUESTIONS: Contact Diedra Harkenrider, email dharkenrider@holstein.com or call 607-279-0335 from 8:00 am – 6:00 pm Eastern time.

YDLI Distinguished Alumni Leader Award Recipients

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| 2024 - Karen Bohnert | 2011 - Bonnie Mohr |
| 2023 - Lucas Sjostrom | 2010 - Kate Geppert |
| 2023 - Alise Sjostrom | 2009 - Laura Daniels |
| 2022 - Mary Knigge | 2008 - Jerry Jennissen |
| 2020 - Matt Nuckols | 2007 - Duane and Marilyn Hershey |
| 2019 - Rebecca Long Chaney | 2006 - Bonnie Burr |
| 2018 - Nate Janssen | 2005 - Lolly Leshner |
| 2017 - Melissa Greenbacker Dziurgot | 2004 - John and Maria Nye |
| 2016 - Michele Ruby | 2003 - Kevin and Marilyn Steffens |
| 2015 - Chandler Goule | 2002 - Eric Ooms |
| 2013/2014 - Ray Prock | 2001 - Peter Kappelman |
| 2012 - Brad Scott | |